(Houston D	RICT OF TEXAS P.O.Box ivision)	PROOF OF CLAIM
Name of Debtors	Case Number	
Stage Stores, Inc., a Delaware corporation Specialty Retailers, Inc., a Texas corporation Specialty Retailers, Inc. (NV), a Nevada corporation	00-35078-H2-11 00-35079-H2-11 00-35080-H2-11	788-60611 Creditor ID#:
*place an "x" beside the name of the Debtor you are filing a claim against		United States Bankruptcy Court
Name of Creditor (The person or other entity to whom the debtor owes money or property): The Carlson Company Lic	anyone else a filed a proof of claim relating to your claim. Attach copy of statement	1
Name and address where notices should be sent:	giving particulars.	A di
**************************************	Check box if you have never received any notices from the bankruptcy court in this case	Michael N. Milby, Clerk
3000 Wilcrest Dr Ste 150 Houston TX 77042-3518	Check box if the address differs from the address on the envelope sent to you by the court.	
Account or other number by which creditor identifies debtor:	Check here replaces if this claim amends a previous	ously filed claim, dated:
Basis-for-Claim Goods sold Services performed Money loaned Personal injury/wrongful death Taxes	Retiree benefits as defined in 11 U. Wages, salaries, and compensation Your SS#: Unpaid compensation for services p	(Fill out below)
Other	from to	(date)
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United States Bankruptcy Court

Southern District of Texas

Notice of

Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case, Meeting of Creditors, & Deadlines

A chapter 11 bankruptcy case concerning each of the debtor corporations listed below was filed on June 1, 2000

You may be a creditor of one or more of the debtor(s), This notice lists important deadlines. You may want to consult an attorney to protect your rights. All documents filed in the cases may be inspected at the bankruptcy clerk's office at the address listed below. NOTE: The staff of the bankruptcy clerk's office cannot give legal advice.

See Reverse Side For Important Explanations.

Debtor (name(s), case numbers and address): Jointly Administered Under Case Number 00-35078-H2-11 Stage Stores, Inc., a Delaware corp.; Case No. 00-35078-H2-11 Specialty Retailers, Inc., a Texas corp.; Case No. 00-35079-H2-11 Taxpayer ID Nos: Specialty Retailers, Inc. (NV), a Dallas corp.; Case No. 00-35080-H2-76-0407711 (Stage Stores, Inc.) 74-0821900 (Specialty Retailers, Inc.) 10210 Main Street 91-1826900 (Specialty Retailers, Inc. (NV)) Houston, TX 77025-5229 Toll Free Number: 1-800-804-2013 (for case information) Attorneys for Debtors Telephone Number: Attorney for Debtors (name and address): Andrew E. Jillson, Esq. Toll Free 1-877-559-9672 Lynnette R. Warman, Esq. Jenkens & Gilchrist, a Professional corporation Information may also be obtained from the 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 3200 following website: Website address: www.stagestoresbankruptcv.com Dallas, TX 75202-2799

Meeting of Creditors

Date:

7 / 11 / 00

Time: 2:00

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(X) P.M.

Location:

U.S. Courthouse

Jury Assembly Room 515 Rusk, 6th Floor

Houston, Texas 77002

Deadlines to File a Proof of Claim

Proofs of Claim must be received by the bankruptcy clerk's office by the following deadline:

For-all ereditors (except a governmental unit): t0/9/00 ----

For a governmental unit: 11/28/00-

Mail claim to:

U.S. Bankruptcy Court

P.O. Box 61288

Houston, TX 77208

Creditors May Not Take Certain Actions:

The filing of the bankruptcy case automatically stays certain collection and other actions against the debtor and the debtor's property. If you attempt to collect a debt or take other action in violation of the Bankruptcy Code, you may be penalized.

Address of the Bankruptcy Clerk's Office: 515 Rusk Avenue	For the Court:
1 st Floor	Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court:
Houston, Texas 77002	
Telephone number: 713/250-5115	Michael N. Milby, Clerk
Hours Open: 9:00 a.m 4:30 p.m.	Date:

INVOICE STATEMENT

THE CARLSON COMPANY L.L.C.

3000 Wilcrest, Suite 150 Houston, Texas 77042 Voice (713) 789-2088 Fax (713) 781-8789

Invoice Number 13180

Date:

5/8/00

Amy-Gray

Stage Stores

10201 South Main Street

Houston, TX. 77025

Hired:

5/4/00

Starts:

5/22/00

SERVICES RENDERED IN THE PLACEMENT OF:

Total Fee

8,400.00

Marcus Green

\$0.00

Balance Due

\$8,400.00

The Terms of this agreement are as follows: Due Ten (10) Days After The Candidate's Start Date

Please Note: Any applicable guarantee is contingent upon payment of this invoice as shown above.

If you have any questions, please call Cheryl Ballard at 789-2088

We urge you to check the applicant's references. The information supplied to you is compiled from sources which we do not control. In furnishing information on applicants, we in no way assume any part of the user's business risk, do not guarantee the accuracy, completeness or timeliness of the information provided, and shall not be liable for any loss or injury from contingencies beyond our control or from negligence.